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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice or disclaimer of the matter therein.

Please add new claims 11-28 as follows:

11. An information processing device interconnected via continuous transmission media with a plurality of other information processing devices, said information processing device comprising:

storage means for storing, in a correlated manner with one another, an event indicative of a change of situation relating to information handled by at least one information processing device of said plurality of information processing devices and other information processing devices of said